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CONSULAR DEPARTMENT

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KG. 1252/1.

The Royal Thai Embassy,

477/2493

10/2/50

13/2/50.

Repatriation of Patani Refugees.

Still unable to settle this claim as Bangkok have not yet replied

Last Paper

(K 10021/3862/225-44)

References

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8) P.O. Thai.

8) P.O. (Maj. P.E.R. Darby) ref. 19th Apl.

Receipt desp'd. 5th May

D(ft) Thai Embassy 16th May

D(ft) Miss H. Bocock, P.O. May

(Action completed) 20/12/50

(Index) Dtd 1/5

Next Paper

(KG 1252/2)

(Minutes)

Still no progress!

A. F. B. HARVEY

Finance Dept (Mr. Minshull) to note. 14/2

Mr Martin to see. 20/2

Copy C.O. ref. K 10021/3862/225 & b/w. April 30/50, if nothing further.

18/2

20.2.

Bk. 31/3.

Better give this another month.

31.3

Bk. 1/5.

A) French Embassy NL/AW/436 of 1/4/50

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At last!

Copy Colonial Office
(attention Major C. E. R. Darby)
for information - ref their letter of 11th
April 1949.

A F R Harvey
A. F. R. HARVEY.

AHB. 12/4

Finance Dept (Mr Minshull) a/a

We must watch out for a cheque from the French.

There is a far larger sum due from the Siamese, namely £15,588/8/6, of which £4,297/10/- is due to the C.O. for Malaya. Perhaps a further reminder can be addressed to the Thai Embassy'

H.W. Minshull
20/4/50.

B) Agent Payers Special 13/4/50

Before sending a reminder to the Thai Embassy, may we please have a receipt for transmission to the French?

The Colonial Office know that we have succeeded in recovering this £90 - we sent them a copy of 'A'. Will the £90 be sent to the C.O thro' say quarterly accounts, or by means of a payable order (or receivable order from C.O.) please?

A F R Harvey
A. F. R. HARVEY.
27/4

Finance Dept. AH 29/4
Mr Martin: The chq. from the French is made payable
Chairman.

NOTHING TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS PAGE.

Nothing to be Written in this Margin.

two & crossed A/c Payee. Would you arrange for it to be cashed & for the £90 to be paid to the C.O.[x] under advice?

[x] by Payable order

H.W.R.
29/4

Receipt attached:

~~Claims~~ P. Would you please proceed as indicated and then pass pp. to Mr Harvey. I suggest the advice can be associated with Mr ~~Crofts'~~ Darfrey's letters in attached pps.

M.G.K. 29/4

Cheque cleared by HF2/14490. to Sup O.G.D.

HF36 ppa paying £90-0.0 to Colonial Office.

Dft ~~to C.O. ltrs~~ is not necessary as the Payable order will be adequately referenced.

J.H. Dixon
7/5.

See despatch receipt

R.H. 4/5

B.U. a/a

Minutes.

Reminder ~~Thai~~ Ambassador

AHH
12/5

Then B.U. 12/7

c) P.O. 50768/1/50 of 13/5/50

I gather from this letter from the Colonial Office that they are returning the P.O. which we sent to them in early May.

If that is so, I presume Finance Dept will have no objection to preparing a new order, made out in the manner requested?

As for some reason, the C.O. then wish to send the order themselves to the Crown Agents, it may be easier for us to send our P.O. under cover of a letter.

When P.O is prepared therefore, I will send covering note to Miss Bocock of the C.O.

A F R Harvey

A. F. R. HARVEY.

18/5

Finance Dept ~~(Bookkeeper)~~ P.O. Ego with Acct. G. 20/5/50.
" " ~~(Mr Dixon)~~ ~~Instr. please!~~ [illegible]

Nothing to be Written in this Margin.

The C.O. are handling this rather stupidly.

Please cancel P.O. for £90 payable to C.O.

·X· P. Order No. 3342 cancelled 23/5. P.M.G. informed.

(1) Bookkeeper. ND

HF36 ppd making £90 payable to Crown Agents.
To go with draft from Mr. Harvey of Cons. Dept.

J. H. Dyson
D.S.
22/5

~~(2) Mr Harvey.~~

New P.O. No. 5736 issued ~~24~~/5. (24)

(2) Mr. Harvey.

Draft Colonial Office

A. L. Cunnell
A.D.F. 24/5

Mr. Goodchild.

·X· Please see "Book-keeper's" minute above.

The P.O. was cancelled in May but is still debited to O.G.D. Suspense, of which our balance at 30th. June cannot therefore agree with yours.

J. C. Hart
22-7-50.

OVER

Minutes.

Mr. Back returned this with the assurance that quarterly balances will in future incorporate credits for ~~cancelled~~ orders cancelled during the closing quarter.

JCH
22-7-50.

X

Nothing to be Written in this Margin.

KG 1852/1

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THE ROYAL THAI EMBASSY,
23, ASHBURN PLACE,
LONDON, S.W.7.

No. 477/2493

10th February, 1950.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's Note No. K 7475/3862/225 of the 6th instant regarding the expenditure incurred by His Britannic Majesty's Government in connection with the maintenance and repatriation of Patani refugees.

In reply, I regret to say that no instructions have as yet been received from Bangkok to enable the Embassy to settle the claim. I have however strongly reminded the Thai authorities concerned of the matter which has been pending for over two years and shall not fail to apprise Your Excellency of their reply as soon as it is received.

I have the honour to be,
with the highest consideration,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

Nakkhatra

The Right Honourable Ernest Bevin, M.P.,
His Britannic Majesty's Secretary
of State for Foreign Affairs,
Foreign Office,
S.W. 1.

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13 FEB 1950
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No. [illegible]/2493

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with the highest consideration,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

The Right Honourable Ernest Bevin, M.P.,
His Britannic Majesty's Secretary
of State for Foreign Affairs,
Foreign Office,
S.W. 1.

AMBASSADE DE FRANCE
À LONDRES

L'ATTACHÉ FINANCIER

TEL: SLOANE 3404

58, KNIGHTSBRIDGE,
S.W.1.

London, 1 - APR 1950

NL/AW/ 436

KG. 1252/1

3 APR 1950

Dear Mr. Kemball,

With reference to your letter dated 6th February 1950, regarding the repatriation of four Mohammedans of Indo-Chinese origin, I am now in a position to inform you that our "Ministère des Finances" has agreed to the payment of this claim.

You should, therefore, soon be receiving a cheque for an amount of £90. from our "Agent Payeur Spécial" in London in settlement of this debt.

Yours sincerely,

R. SERGENT.

C.G. Kemball, Esq.,
Foreign Office,
S.W.1.
(K.7475/3862/225)

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REPUBLIQUE FRANCAISE

L'AGENT PAYEUR SPÉCIAL
EN GRANDE BRETAGNE

TEL.: LANGHAM 4422

24-26, QUEEN ANNE STREET,
LONDON, W.1.

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3 APR '50

K 9.1252/1 (B) M1

18 APR 1950

The Finance Officer
Foreign Office,
London S.W.1.

Dear Sir, Remittance to Bookkeeper 18/4

At the request of the Ministère de la France d'Outre-Mer , Paris, please find enclosed a cheque for £90.0.0. in settlement of the rapatriation of 4 musulmans (your reference K.7475/3862/225).

Yours faithfully,
pro L'Agent Payeur Spécial

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14 APR 1950
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COLONIAL OFFICE

The Church House,
Great Smith Street,
S. W. 1.

13th May, 1950.

My Reference 50768/1/50.

Your Reference K.G.1252/1.

15 MAY 1950

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Remittance to Bookkeeper 17/5

Dear Mr. Croft,

May I refer you to the Foreign Office third personal note of the 19th April enclosing a photostat copy of a letter from the French Embassy marked for the attention of Major Darby (from whom I have now taken over), and the enclosed payable order for £90 in respect of expenditure on repatriates to French Indo China? Since this expenditure was met by the Government of Singapore, I should be grateful if you would arrange for the Order to be made payable to the Crown Agents for the Colonies, for credit of Singapore Government Funds, instead of to the Colonial Office as at present.

The new order should however be returned to this Department for transmission to the Crown Agents.

Yours sincerely,

H Bocock

E.E.CROFT, ESQ.,
FOREIGN OFFICE.

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Thai Ambassador

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15. May 1950

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Your Serene Highness,

I have the honour to refer to Your Excellency's Note No 477/2693 of the 10th February last regarding the expenditure incurred by His Britannic Majesty's Government on the maintenance and repatriation to Thailand of certain refugees in Saudi Arabia, and to enquire whether it is now possible for you to settle this claim on behalf of your Government.

I have etc

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Foreign Office, S.W.1.

16th May, 1950.

No. KG 1252/1.

OUT FILE

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to His Excellency the Thai Ambassador's Note No. 477/2493 of the 10th February last regarding the expenditure incurred by His Britannic Majesty's Government on the maintenance and repatriation to Thailand of certain refugees in Saudi Arabia, and to enquire whether it is now possible for you to settle this claim on behalf of your Government.

I have the honour to be, with high consideration,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
(For the Secretary of State)

(Sgd.) C. G. KEMBALL

Nai Klin Devahastin,
etc., etc., etc.,
23, Ashburn Place,
S.W.7.

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Miss H. Bocock
Colonial Office

from Mr Harvey.

Payable Order requested.

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26/11

Dear Miss Bocock,

With reference to your letter 50768/1/50 of the 13th May, addressed to Croft, about expenditure on repatriates to French Indo-China, I ~~send~~ enclose a payable order for £90, which, as requested by you, is made payable to the Crown Agents for the Colonies, for credit of Singapore government funds.

Yours sincerely.

24/5

FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

26th May, 1950

(KG 1252/1)

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Dear Miss Bocock,

With reference to your letter 50768/1/50 of the 13th May, addressed to Croft, about expenditure on repatriates to French Indo-China, I enclose a payable order for £90, which, as requested by you, is made payable to the Crown Agents for the Colonies, for credit of Singapore Government funds.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd)

(A.F.R. Harvey)

Miss H. Bocock,
Colonial Office.

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CONSULAR DEPARTMENT

SAUDI ARABIA.

K G1252/2.

FROM Miss Bocock (C.O.) to Mr. ~~Kemball~~ Harvey.

No. 50768/1/50.

Dated 9th June 1950.

Received in Registry— 10th June 1950.

Repatriation of Patani Refugees.

REFERENCES

KG1252/1. (See inside)

(Print)

(How disposed of)

Dft) Thai Ambassador Aug. 8

Dft) Thai Ambassador 18 Dec

Dft) C.O. 18 Dec.

Dft) Thai Ambassador 2nd May 5

Dft) Bangkok No 195 10 Sept.

S) Miss Bocock CO 12 Sept.

(Action completed) 12/9/51.

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(MINUTES)

The Colonial Office have now agreed to stick to the figures which we have already sent to the Thai Embassy. I am informing C.O we have had no reply as yet.

A.F.R. HARVEY

14/6

Finance Dept (Mr. Minshull) to see

B.U. July 15th. if no reply from Thai Embassy.

H.W.M. 15/6

16/6

We presented our claim to the ~~Siamese~~ Thai Embassy in March 1948. Our last reminder was sent on the 16th May and we still have no reply.

A.F.R. HARVEY

27/7

Finance Dept (Mr Minshull)

I don't see what else we can do beyond continuing to press the Thai Embassy.

Perhaps we can send a further reminder

29/7 H.W. Minshull

38068

Further reminder Thai Ambassador

AHW 3/8

Then A.U. 3/11

A) C.O. 50768/1/50 of 11/12/50

Draft to Thai Ambassador.

Draft to Miss Bowock - Col Office.

Ea Urquhart.
14/12/50.

Then B.U. 15/2/51.

AHW 14/12

We have received nothing so far from the Thai Embassy, but if you agree, I think we should leave in abeyance for at least another month.

Ea Urquhart.
22/2/51.

[illegible] 22/2

Then B.U. 26/3/51.

Perhaps we can remind the Thai Embassy once again, in slightly stronger terms if possible, drawing attention to the time the claim has been under consideration

H.W. Minshull
27/3

Draft to Thai Embassy.

[illegible] 30/4.

Ea Urquhart
30/4/51.

B.U. 20/6/51.

B.U. 18/6

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K3862/3862/225 } - 1949.
10021 " "
7475 " "

K8412/128/225 } - 1948
1421 " "
128 " "
12126 " "
K13939/1574/225 - 1947
K9700/1263/225 } - 1946
7132 " "
2657 " "
1263 " "
E 210/210/25 }
E 9537/325/25 - 1945.
9232/3256/25 - 1945 etc.

NOTHING TO BE WRITTEN IN THIS MARGIN.

Mr Minshull has heard nothing from the Thai Embassy, and we have not yet received a reply to our letter of the 2nd May.

It would appear that the Thai authorities do not intend to pay this debt and I wonder if we could ask S E Asia Dept to take up this matter for us informally. Perhaps a personal approach would succeed where letters have failed.

E A Urquhart
2/7/51

Mr Kemball

Mr Kemball has spoken to S E Asia Dept about this matter and they have asked for a brief report . The details are as follows:-

In 1942 after the fall of Singapore infmn was received from H M Minister at Jedda that a large number of Malayans including some Patani Malayans of Siamese Nationality who had gone to Mecca on a pilgrimage were stranded there and were unable to return due to the occupation of their countries by the Japanese.

Assistance was given to the British Malayans and in 1944 it was agreed that relief payments should be made to the Patani refugees at the same rate as that already being paid to the British Malayans.

At the end of the war, many of these Malayans wished to return to their homeland and arrangements were accordingly made for their repatriation . As the vote of Credit had ended on the 31 st March 1946, and the question of continuing

relief payments to the Patanis was under consideration, it was decided to repatriate them at the same time as the Malayans. H.M. Minister at Bangkok was asked to approach the Siamese Govt about the cost of the sea passages for their nationals, but in the meantime plans for the repatriation went ahead and during 1946 and 1947 the refugees were returned to their countries.

Since 1948, numerous letters have been sent to the Thai Embassy in London informing them of the expenditure incurred during the war in the maintenance of their nationals and their subsequent repatriation to Thailand. The total amount claimed is, £15,588 8s. 6d. of which £11, 290 18s. 6d. is outstanding to the Foreign Office for maintenance payments and £4,297 10s. is due to the Colonial Office in respect of repatriation costs. To our first enquiries we received assurances that the matter had been referred to their Govt but more recent letters have not even been acknowledged.

E. A Urquhart
E A Urquhart
14/8/51

Mr Tabor 14.8
Finance Dept(Mr Minshull) 14.8.51
S E Asia Dept

NOTHING TO BE WRITTEN IN THIS MARGIN.

Nothing to be Written in this Margin.

Minutes.

I cannot find the minute which was with these papers before the weekend. It asked whether we could help to obtain a settlement of this claim against Siam. I think the soundest course would be to ask our Embassy to take the case up in Bangkok. I have never known representations to the Siamese Embassy in London achieving any result.

[signature] 20.viii.

Consular Dept.

Minutes.

Bangkok have copies of correspondence during 1948-1948 to Thai Embassy.

Draft despatch to Bangkok.

E A Urquhart.

3/9/51.

Mr Wakefield

Mr Kenball

Finance Dept. (Mr Minshull).

FHW 6/9

[illegible] 10/9.

Nothing to be Written in this Margin.

COLONIAL OFFICE

Pse attach to ffo + Bo

My Reference 50768/1/50

Your Reference KG 1252/1

The Church House,
Great Smith Street,
S.W.1.

9th June, 1950.

Dear Mr. Harvey,

Thank you for your letter of the 26th May about expenditure on repatriates to French Indo China, with which you enclosed a payable order for £90/-/- for credit to Singapore Government Funds.

Further to Mr. Williams' letter to Mr. Croft of the 19th November, 1949, in reply to his letter of 10th November, Malaya have now (at long last!) agreed that the claims against Siam in respect of the "Eurybates" and the "Laomedon" should remain at the figures at which you had already lodged claims against Siam; there had, of course, been no doubt about the figure for the "Phrontes". At the same time the High Commissioner for the Federation of Malaya is enquiring whether any progress has been made with the recovery of these sums from Siam: I should be grateful if you would let me know if anything has transpired since the Royal Thai Embassy wrote to you on the 10th February.

Telephone prior Records

Although this latest enquiry comes from the Federation of Malaya, the bulk of the claim, £4268, is on behalf of Singapore, and only £30 on behalf of the Federation.

Yours sincerely,

H Bacon

A. F. R. HARVEY, ESQ.
FOREIGN OFFICE,
S.W.1.

10 JUN 1950

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Thai Ambassador

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8 Aug 1950
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Your Serene Highness,

I have the honour to refer to Your Excellency's Note No. 477/2693 of the 10th February last and to my letter of the 15th May regarding the expenditure incurred by His Britannic Majesty's Govt in the maintenance & repatriation to Thailand of certain refugees in Saudi Arabia, & to enquire whether it is now possible for you to settle this long-outstanding claim on behalf of your Government

I have etc

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NOTHING TO BE WRITTEN IN THIS MARGIN.

Registry No. K

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FOREIGN OFFICE,

S. W. 1.

Sir,
Madam,

With reference to the letters from this department of..... regarding advances made from British official funds to.....against..... .....signed undertakings to repay on demand, to which no answers have been received, I am directed by His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to inform you that, if you do not immediately reply to this letter, it will be necessary to consider without further notice what other steps shall be taken to secure repayment of the amount due to H.M. Government.

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

8th August, 1950.

No. KG 1252/1

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your Note No. 477/2493 of the 10th February last and to my letter of the 15th May regarding the expenditure incurred by His Britannic Majesty's Government in the maintenance and repatriation to Thailand of certain refugees in Saudi Arabia, and to enquire whether it is now possible for you to settle this long-standing claim on behalf of your Government.

I have the honour to be,
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Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
(For the Secretary of State)

(Sgd.) C. G. KEMBALL

Nai Klin Devahastin,
etc., etc., etc.,
23, Ashburn Place,
S.W.7.

COLONIAL OFFICE

My Reference 50768/1/50

12 DEC 1950

Your Reference K.G.1252/1.

~~K.G.1252/1~~ K.G.1252/2 (A)

The Church House,
Great Smith Street,
London, S.W.1.

11 December, 1950.

Dear Mr. Harvey,

Would you please refer to my letter of the 9th June, about the sums claimed by the Malayan Governments from the Siamese Government on account of the passages of repatriates to Siam.

I should be grateful if you could let me know the present position with regard to repayment of these monies.

Yours sincerely,

H Garrick

A.F.R.Harvey Esq.,
Foreign Office,
London, S.W.1.

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Draft. Mr

Miss H Bocock

Colonial Office.

(from E A Urquhart)

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RECEIVED IN DIVISION
15 DEC 1950
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Dear Miss Bocock,

With reference to your letter No. 50768/1/50 of the 11th December, (addressed to Mr Harvey) about the claim by the Malayan Govts. for reimbursement of expenditure incurred in the repatriation of refugees to Thailand, I regret that I have no further information for you at the moment, for, despite repeated reminders to the Siamese Govt., no ~~satisfactory~~ reply has been received regarding final settlement of this claim.

We are continuing in our efforts and I shall not fail to let you know as soon as we hear anything definite.

Yours sincerely.

14/12

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

18th December, 1950.

(KG 1252/2)

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Yours sincerely,

Signed

(E.A. Urquhart) (Miss)

Miss H. Bocock,
Colonial Office.

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Thai Ambassador.

Sir

Your ~~Excellency~~ Excellency,

I have the honour to refer HE the Thai Amb.
to your ~~Excellency's~~ note No. 477/2493 of the 10th February last & to my letter of the 8th August regarding the expenditure incurred by His Britannic Majesty's Govt in the maintenance and repatriation to Thailand of certain refugees in Saudi Arabia, and to enquire whether you have received any instructions from your Government regarding this claim.

I have etc.

(Sgd.) KEMBALL

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

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18th December, 1950.

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I have the honour to be,
with high consideration,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
(For the Secretary of State)

(Sgd.) C. G. KEMBALL

M.C. Jotisi Devakul,
etc., etc., etc.,
23, Ashburn Place,
S.W.7.

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~~M.C. JOFIST~~

~~DE VAKUL~~

Thai ~~etc~~ ~~Ambassador~~ ~~Embassy~~
23 ASHBURN PLACE.
SW7.

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~~April 51~~.

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OUT FILE

2 May 1951

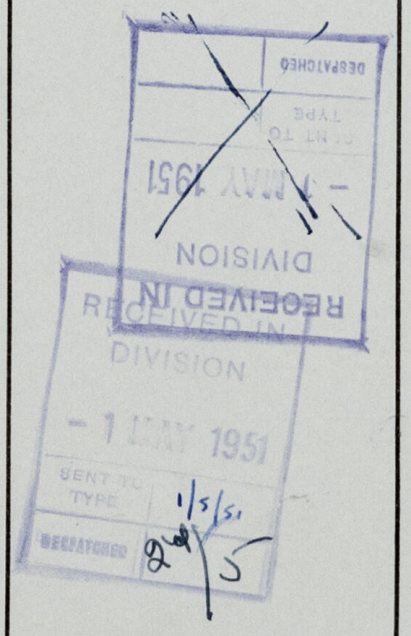
Sir,

I have the honour to refer to ~~H.E.~~ Y.E ~~the ambassador's~~ note no. 477/2493 of the 10th February 1950, about the expenditure incurred by His Britannic Majesty's Govt in the maintenance and repatriation to Thailand of certain refugees in Saudi Arabia and to enquire whether any instructions have been received from your Government regarding this ~~long outstanding~~ claim which has been outstanding since 1948.

I am to state that an early reply would be appreciated.

I am etc.

30/4



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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

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2nd May, 1951.

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to Your Excellency's Note No. 477/2493 of the 10th February 1950, about the expenditure incurred by His Britannic Majesty's Government in the maintenance and repatriation to Thailand of certain refugees in Saudi Arabia and to enquire whether any instructions have been received from your Government regarding this claim which has been outstanding since 1948.

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I have the honour to be, with the highest consideration.
Your Excellency's obedient Servant,
(For the Secretary of State)

(Sgd.) C. G. KEMBALL

His Excellency
Phra Bahiddha Mukara,
etc., etc., etc.,
23, Ashburn Place,
S.W.7.

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Draft. despatch no 195

Bangkok

Mr. Geoffrey Wallinger C.M.G.

10 SEP 1951
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Mr Wakefield

~~Mr Kimball~~

Finance Dept

(Mr Minshull)

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Sir,

I ~~have to~~ refer to my letter of the 12th May 1949 addressed to the Thai Ambassador in London, which was copied to you under cover of my despatch No 131 of the 14th May 1949, about the expenditure incurred by H.M.G. during 1946 and 1947 when certain Patani refugees were repatriated from Saudi Arabia to Thailand.

This debt is still outstanding and numerous requests for settlement which have been sent to the Thai Embassy since 1949 have failed to produce any satisfactory reply, and more recent communications have been completely ignored.

In view of the lapse of time since this ~~outstanding~~ debt was first brought to the notice of the Thai Authorities, I ~~have to~~ shall be glad if ~~request Your~~ Your Excellency ~~to~~ will approach the My of Foreign Affairs and draw their attention to this matter with a view to obtaining an early settlement. ~~of this debt claim~~.

Copies of the relevant correspondence between this Dept and the Thai Embassy during 1949 are enclosed to facilitate reference.

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I am, with great truth and respect,
Sir,
Your Excellency's obedient Servant,
(For Mr. Attlee)

Sgd C.A. Kemball.

His Excellency
Mr. G. Wallinger, C.M.G.,
etc., etc., etc.,
Bangkok.

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